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25X1 On 23 November, the castle in Barby quartered 200 to 300 men wearing black-bordered black or red-bordered black epaulets. Nine squads of nine men left the castle in the morning hours. Boards, beams and poles were cut with a band saw between the Elbe River and the castle. About 30 men constructed and set up benches and tables in this area. Two pontoons were in the courtyard of the estate opposite the castle.

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25X1 men were quartered in the former castle in Barby, where the 323d Engr Bn (US) of the Third Shock Army is stationed. This number came nearer to the actual strength of the battalion than the estimate in this report.

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